IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, and 17-24 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image bearing member <u>for bearing a toner image</u>, <u>wherein said image</u>

<u>bearing member has having</u> a first glossiness in a first direction and a second glossiness

lower than said first glossiness in a second direction <u>for bearing a toner</u>; and

an optical detection device means including a light-emitting portion means and a light-receiving portion, means;

wherein a light emitted by said from the light-emitting portion means is reflected by said image bearing member and is received by said from the light-receiving means; portion, and

wherein an optical direction from the said light-emitting portion means to
the said light-receiving portion means is substantially the same as the first direction of said image bearing member.

- 2. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said optical detection device means detects a toner density on said image bearing member.
- 3. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said optical detection <u>device</u> means detects a mark on said image bearing member.

- 4. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member is a belt of an endless shape.
- 5. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said belt is moved by rotation moves rotationally, and said first direction is perpendicular to a moving direction of said belt.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said belt is manufactured by a drawing from a mold, and the said first direction is a drawing direction of said belt.
- 7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a support member for supporting said belt, wherein said optical detection device means is opposed to said support member across said belt.
- 8. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member is an intermediate transfer member.
- 9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an image forming condition for forming a toner image is controlled according to an output of said optical detection portion means.

10. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a belt produced by a drawing from a mold and adapted to bear a toner image; and

optical detection means including light-emitting means and light-receiving means;

wherein a light emitted from said light-emitting means is reflected by said belt and is received by said light-receiving means; and

an optical direction from said light-emitting means to said light-receiving means is substantially same as a drawing direction of said belt.

- 11. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said optical detection means detects a toner density on said belt.
- 12. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said optical detection means detects a mark on said belt.
- 13. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said belt has an endless shape.
- 14. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said belt is moved by rotation, and a drawing direction of said belt is perpendicular to a moving direction of said belt.

- 15. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said belt is an intermediate transfer member.
- 16. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein an image forming condition for forming a toner image is controlled according to an output from said optical detection means.
- 17. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

 a transfer material bearing supporting member for bearing a toner image,

 wherein said bearing member has having a first glossiness in a first direction and a second glossiness lower than said first glossiness for supporting a transfer material in a second direction; and

 \underline{an} optical detection \underline{device} means including \underline{a} light-emitting $\underline{portion}$ means and \underline{a} light-receiving $\underline{portion}$, means;

wherein a light emitted <u>from the</u> <u>by said</u> light-emitting <u>portion</u> <u>means</u> is reflected by said transfer material <u>bearing</u> <u>supporting</u> member and is received by <u>the</u> <u>said</u> light-receiving <u>portion</u>, <u>means</u>; and

wherein an optical direction from said the light-emitting means to the said light-receiving portion means is substantially the same as the first direction of said transfer material bearing supporting member.

- 18. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said optical detection <u>device</u> means detects a toner density on said transfer material <u>bearing</u> supporting member.
- 19. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said optical detection device means detects a mark on said transfer material bearing supporting member.
- 20. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim17, wherein said transfer material <u>bearing</u> supporting member is a belt of an endless shape.
- 21. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said belt is moved by rotation moves rotationally, and said first direction is perpendicular to a moving direction of said belt.
- 22. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said belt is manufactured by a drawing from a mold, and the said first direction is a drawing direction of said belt.
- 23. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising a support member for supporting said belt, wherein said optical detection device means is opposed to said support member across said belt.

- 24. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein an image forming condition is controlled according to an output from said optical detection device means.
- 25. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus comprising:

 a belt manufactured by a drawing from a mold; and

 optical detection means including light-emitting means and light-receiving

 means;

wherein a light emitted by said light-emitting means is reflected by said belt and is received by said light-receiving means; and

an optical direction from said light-emitting means to said light-receiving means is substantially same as a drawing direction of said belt.

- 26. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said optical detection means detects a toner density on said belt.
- 27. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said optical detection means detects a mark on said belt.
- 28. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said belt has an endless shape.

- 29. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said belt is moved by rotation, and a drawing direction of said belt is perpendicular to a moving direction of said belt.
- 30. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein an image forming condition is controlled according an output from said optical detection means.